

REMARKS

Claims 3-9 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 3-9 in light of the amendments herein are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5-8 stand objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this paper, claim 3 has been amended by rewriting this claim to include the limitations of allowable claim 5, which has now been cancelled. Claims 6-8 have been amended to change their dependency from cancelled claim 5 to independent claim 3. Claims 4 and 9 are dependent from claim 3 and are not amended herein. No new matter is added by these amendments and these amendments are not made for any reason related to patentability. Rather, claim 3 is amended to place this claim into condition for allowance by adding the limitations of allowable claim 3.

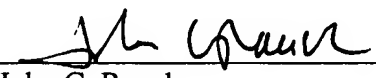
Prior art rejections

Claims 3, 4 and 9 stand rejected on the grounds of cited prior references. It is respectfully suggested that this rejection is moot in light of the amendment to claim 3 to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 5. Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of claims 3, 4 and 9 is respectfully requested.

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With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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